

[1830.] The following extract, taken from the *Maryland Gazette*, of May 13th, 1830, shows that the freemen of Annapolis early put the temperance question in politics :

At a meeting of sundry individuals, held on the 14th of April, 1830, in the city of Annapolis, the following Preamble and Resolutions were adopted :

"Whereas, the manner in which elections have been for a long time conducted in the city of Annapolis, is viewed by us, as having a pernicious tendency to corrupt the morals of youth, as well as fraught with evil to our citizens in general : And, *whereas*, the baneful effects of such conduct cannot be counteracted successfully but by taking a decided stand against it ; Therefore :

"Resolved by the undersigned, that we solemnly pledge ourselves to vote for no candidate or candidates for any office, for which we are entitled to vote, who shall himself give, or who shall for him, directly or indirectly suffer to be given, any kind of ardent spirits, fermented liquors, money, clothing or any thing else, to any voter or voters, at any election, for the purpose of obtaining their votes.

"Resolved further, That the course adopted by this meeting be recommended to our respectable fellow-citizens, and that they are invited to unite with us in putting down an evil as degrading as it is desolating.

"Resolved, That in order to carry our object more fully into effect, we agree to reserve our votes to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, unless the business or circumstances of any of us should require him or them to vote earlier.

"Resolved, That the above proceedings be published in the different newspapers printed in this city.

Signed by

Edward Williams,
Lewis Gassaway,
Basil Shephard,
Andrew Slicer,
Samuel Peaco,
William Ross,
Vachel Severe,
Daniel H. Wiggins,
Thomas Sands,
Charles Henshaw,
Thomas King, Jr.,
Thomas King,
William Kirby,

Samuel Goldsmith,
Grafton Munroe,
Thomas G. Waters,
M. W. Conner,
Jacob Bassford,
Peter Saussac,
Samuel Parrott,
Daniel Dorsey,
W. J. Goldsborough,
N. J. Watkins,
Philip Clayton,
William M'Parlin."

They are dead, but around the names of many of them there lingers the odor of a holy sanctity of life that has made their memory precious to their descendants and an honor to the community.